

City of Fitchburg
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2006

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Starr, Chairman, Phil Chalifoux, Mike Donnelly, John Koutonen

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Smith, Mike O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Starr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Room, First Floor, City Hall.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Intent - Riddle, Lots 2, 3 & 4, Marshall Rd. (cont'd from 4-25-06)

Jack Maloney of Whitman & Bingham presented plan. Parcel at corner Marshall & Fisher Rd was split recently into five lots; three lots (2, 3, 4) need NOIs. Three new single-family dwellings & septic systems proposed. These 3 septic systems have been approved by Board of Health. Wetlands on site are fed by culverts from the opposite (easterly) side of Marshall Road.

John K. -- can driveway on Lot 3 be located further away from wetland?

Mr. Maloney: perhaps.

Public comments:

John Nikander, 511 Marshall Rd.: was concerned with any blasting & the effect on their property.

ConCom site visit scheduled for Tuesday 6-13-06 at 5:00 p.m.

Hearing continued until June 27th meeting.

Notice of Intent - "Woodland Estates" mobile home park expansion, Rindge Rd.

Chris Deloge presented plan. Joanne Hamberg (applicant & owner) present.

Plans to expand park by 29 units. Will replace culvert under access driveway, building new detention basin. Will install stormceptors to remove silt, etc. along access driveway.

Water/sewer will be brought to this site thru adjacent JCJ parcel. This & JCJ development can't happen independent of each other.

Tim Smith reviewed his comments. Had done site inspection during heavy rain a couple weeks ago.

There are several failing septic systems upgradient of streams. Old dump next to stream. Also, about 8,000 sq. ft. area was filled in buffer zone of stream.

Ms. Hamberg: that was there when she purchased property.

Tim: maybe could use old aerial photos to narrow down when dumping took place.

Tim: Filing fee incorrect? Additional Wetland crossing not accounted for.

Amount of fill for access road widening is in question.

Question as to whether two intermittent streams on site. Chuck Caron didn't think so. Even if not jurisdictional, it should be accounted for in the drainage design.

Suggest bottomless culvert instead of replacing 48 inch culvert with another culvert same size.

How is cost of water/sewer extension paid for?

Hamberg: working on agreement w/ JCJ on how cost allocation

Public Comment

Kathy Deschamps, 1307 Rindge Rd. - there is some ponding on her property now, development will disturb moose, wildlife.

John K. -- is this Phase I of larger expansion? Chris Deloge: this is it. Not feasible to expand further.

Mr. Heisson, 51 Bennett Rd. -- how is water brought to site. Ralph Romano explained.

Hearing continued to June 27.

Request for Determination of Applicability, 37 Anita Dr., addition

Steve Barbagallo presented plan for 24' x 30' addition to house and proposed filling in portion of detention pond on left side of house.

There's never any standing water in that portion of detention area -- sometimes ground is spongy. He does not want to just build addition because that would leave too little yard. Wants to also build retaining wall and fill in to expand side yard.

Tim: as part of work for building house next door (formerly G. Watts) there was filling of wetlands. ConCom ordered the wetland to be restored. Commission needs to look at the interests of the Wetland Protection Act to see if this area satisfies one or more interests.

Tim will arrange site visit w/ Mr. Barbagallo.
Continued to June 27.

OTHER ITEMS

Commission signed several Orders of Conditions: Pierce, Central Ave., Cholacki, Ashburnham Hill Rd., JCJ, Inc., Lots 11-14 Arn-How Farm Rd.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 p.m.
Next meeting: June 27, 2006

Approved: June 27, 2006